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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 652  
By Davis (Cocke)

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Joey Hicks on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and James Joey Hicks, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor during a ceremony held at the Union Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the son of Argell Hicks and the late Billy John Hicks, James is a senior at Cosby High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; he has served with distinction as a member of the Senior Beta Club at his school, and as a character in the annual "On Cosby" Drama; and

WHEREAS, encouraged by his father to become involved in Scouting when he was nine years old, his notable record of achievement as an active and valuable member of Boy Scout

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Troop 291 includes twenty-one Merit Badges and distinguished service in a variety of leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, James Joey Hicks's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he worked tirelessly renovating the Secondary Trail at Sunset Gap Community Center, meticulously clearing the trail and lookout, adding a secondary fire pit with seating for twenty five, and establishing a water break; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, James plans on studying automotive technology at the Tennessee Technology Center in Morristown upon his graduation from High School; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize James Hicks as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor James Joey Hicks on becoming an Eagle Scout, commend his meritorious service to the Sunset Gap Community Center, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.